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John Kuglin, Tribune Capitol Bureau, talked Maintenance Supervisor Bill Woolston, Billings, into letting him go along to watch snow removal operations on 10,940-foot Beartooth Pass. A spot of snow!—what?

Montana to host safety meeting in '72

The Montana State Highway Commission will be host to the 1972 Western States Safety Supervisors' Conference, according to Clint Fulkerson, safety supervisor, who has been named co-chairman of the two-day event. The March 15th and 16th meeting will be held in the new Colonial Inn in Helena. Paul R. Feyereisen, of the North Dakota Highway Department, will be chairman of the 1972 activities. North Dakota hosted the affair on March 24th and 25th this year in Bismarck.

An initial planning session was held June 16th and 17th in West Yellowstone, with representatives from North Dakota, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado in attendance. Items discussed included: establishment of a program theme, assembly of program material, naming of key people, range of the convention by topics, and the development of invitation lists.

Fulkerson expects about 120 delegates from the western states members to attend the '72 conference. Safety directors will come from Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

The conferences range over the entire field of Highway Department safety philosophies and practices.

Kay Higgins is new Miss Montana Highways

Smiling, brown-haired Kay Higgins was named Miss Montana Highways May 5th in the second annual contest, held in Helena. The blue-eyed clerk-typist from Gross Vehicle Weight division was chosen from a field of ten candidates by a hard-pressed panel of judges.

The lovely Miss Higgins, who is 5′8″ tall, was presented with her sash of office and a bouquet of roses and carnations by Howard Buswell, assistant state highway engineer-administration.

The presentation came after the contestants and judges had spent a morning visiting, having lunch, and touring the state historical society's museum and gallery. An overflow audience at Helena headquarters was on hand to second-guess the judges and hear the results. Jack Walsh, bridge inspector in maintenance division, was master of ceremonies.

The candidates were Clarette (Buttons) LaSalle, personnel; Jo Ann Larsen, construction; Carolyn Nyby, accounting; Ronda Jean Planichek, Bozeman; Shelley Picotte, preconstruction; Geri McGowan, preconstruction; Sheri Stephenson, right-of-way; Kathy Gailushas, GVW; and Connie Patterson, Great Falls.

Judges were Les Simkins, budget analyst; Bucky Harris, project control; Dave Johnson, east region; Jim Womack, personnel; Ken Martello, photo; John Dahl, GVW; Leon Schneider, traffic; Jim Hahn, planning survey; Gary McKnight, right-of-way; and Scotty Warden, state advertising.

One of Kay's first public appearances was at the annual convention of the Montana Motor Transport Association in Helena. Her picture, taken on a huge diesel truck fender, appeared in the Helena Independent-Record, and will appear in national publications of the trucking industry.

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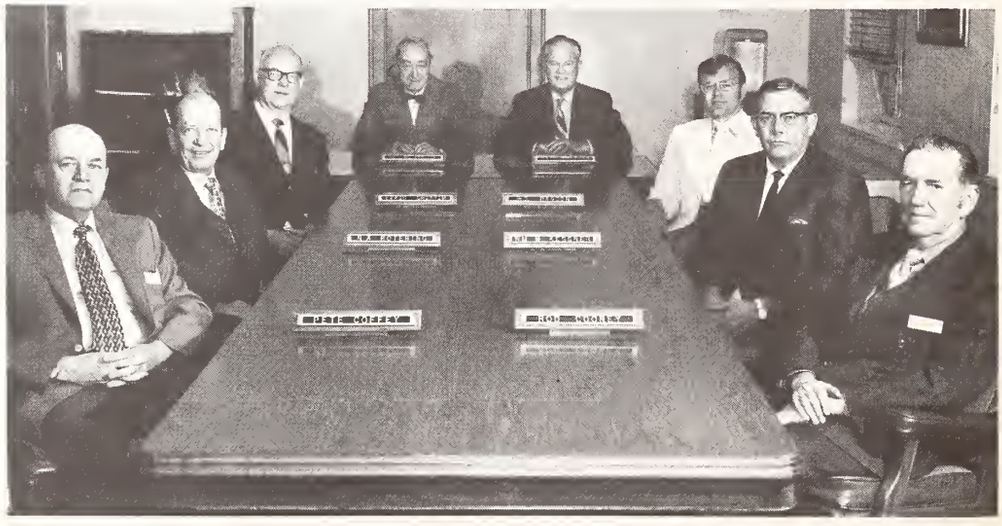
News items of interest to Highway Department employees are invited. They should be given to the correspondents listed above.

Meet Your Highway Commission



This photograph taken at the conclusion of the May 25th meeting shows your commissioners assembled. Reading from the left front about the table are: R. E. Coffey (new member); N. A. Rotering, chief counsel; Lewis M. Chittim, state highway engineer; George Vucanovich, Chairman (and new member); John D. Wheeler, secretary; H. S. Hanson, vice-chairman; William M. Kessner; and G. R. Cooney.

Voices come to us all the way from Alaska

Caroline G. Hudnall of Anehorage, Alaska, (Caroline is the daughter-in-law of Bob Hudnall, assistant preconstruetion engineer with Helena headquarters), reeently visited in the **Center Line** offiee and brought with her a brief but pleasant note from Riek A. Morris who, not too long ago, was doing the job of special assignments, administration, Helena. In his note, Riek said:

"The fact that Montana will always build good highways is a fairly well established constant. However, one of the things that is not eonstant is people and their ever-changing situations. That is why I enjoy receiving **Center Line.**

"Spring is here and we're having beautiful sunny skies with warm temperatures all the way up to 30 most every day. I'd miss living somewhere that didn't have the four seasons."

(Sinee we, too have an absolutely blue-ribbon variety of ealm, sunshiny, sparkling, just-born kind of Montana morning as this is being written—preeisely two days after a one-day onset of snow—our sister states appear to have much in eommon).

Bob senior said that Anehorage is Caroline's home and that the eouple were married there in 1955. Caroline works as appeals elerk for the Supreme Court, State of Alaska (Riek is also a working member of that august body) and Bob Jr., is administrative assistant to the Borough Public Works Direetor of Anehorage.

(It is fun to editorialize a bit onee in a while. Sorta injeets new zest into things—like a spring tonie.)

Butte gets safe driving award for '70

At an appropriate point during the April meeting of the Montana State Highway Commission in Helena, Chairman George Vueanovieh handed over to the Butte distriet the safe driving award for 1970.

The traveling plaque was presented to Riehard "Buek" Dundas, Butte distriet engineer and Robert J. Hunter, division maintenanee supervisor. The two are shown above looking deservedly proud of their award.

Vehieles belonging to the division were driven 2,229,983 miles last year with only 13 aeeidents—a frequeney rate of 5.8 aeeidents for eaeh 100,000 miles driven.

Runnerup for the lowest frequeney rate at 7.8, was the Great Falls division with 1,537,060 miles driven and 12 aeeidents.

One year ago, the 1969 award went to the Havre division with a frequency rate of 4.5. The Lewistown division was the winner for both 1968 and 1967.

Notes in passing—high and low of things

Sueh as: how many of you know that the highest automobile road in the U.S. is Colorado No. 5 which goes to the peak of Mt. Evans? And that would be 14,264 feet above sea level. The Beartooth Pass on the Cooke City highway in Montana comes elose to it, however, at 10,940 feet. Montana's other passes on the Continental Divide climb some 6,600 feet (Logan Pass), while others reaeh only 6,500 feet. MaeDonald Pass, out of Helena, is listed at 6,325 feet.

The lowest auto road (unnumbered, to-boot) is the paved road between Shoshone and Furnaee Creek, California—282 feet below sea level. And boy! does it get hot later on in summer!

Inflation is when you have money to burn but can't afford to buy matehes.

For golfers only!

The following message, reeeived late last month, should be of great interest to all highway buffs who take particular pride in their golfing prowess:

"All Stations from Dale Hareharik, Billings

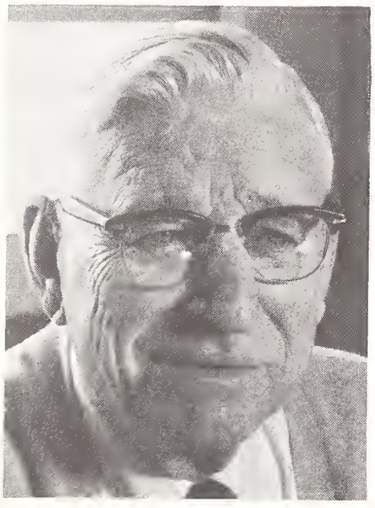
"The Seventh Annual State Highway Employees' Golf Tournament is seheduled for August 14th and 15th at the Lake Hills Country Club, Billings, Montana."

DeVore

Wheeler

Flemming

Larson



Woodahl

Retirements, promotions and changes for the Montana

Spring brings many changes to the Montana State Highway Commission, with retirements, promotions and reassignments making the news.

Don B. DeVore, assistant state highway engineer-operations, has been named special assignments engineer in charge of the State Motor Pool, which will go into full operation July 1st. L. F. Horan, former office manager for the highway shop, will join DeVore's staff as Fiscal Supervisor—Motor Pool.

Homer Wheeler, construction engineer, has been promoted to assistant state highway engineer-operations. Replacing Wheeler will be G. E. "Dutch" Flemming, Wolf Point division engineer.

Donald D. Gruel, hydraulics engi-

Cycle modifications can be deadly

More than three million Americans are riding motorcycles for pleasure and economy of transportation. As the popularity of motorcycles has grown, an increasing trend has developed toward personalizing or customizing motorcycles.

Earlier this year, the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration warned that certain modifications can substantially degrade a cycle's stability, control, and stopping capability. Other modifications are characterized as increasing the probability of serious injury to the operator and passenger should the vehicle be involved in a crash.

The length and angle of motorcycle forks are extremely important to the stability and high speed handling characteristics of motorcycles. Manufacturers take great care to design motorcycles with the correct fork angle and length for the best handling characteristics for the particular motorcycle. Alteration from manufacturers specifications rarely improve the handling performance of a motorcycle.

High handlebars, often referred to as "Ape Hangers," degrade control, increase arm fatigue, partially block the motorcyclist's field of vision, and can inflict very serious injury in a crash.

Riders building customized motorcycles, "Choppers", often remove the front wheel brake. The Safety Administration warns that this may be the most deadly modification of all, since more than 60 percent of a motorcycle's stopping ability is in the front wheel because of the weight shift that occurs when the brakes are applied.

Another growing fad is an ornamented so-called "Sissy Bar," which is a tubular metal back rest rising from the rear of the passenger's section of the seat. The agency warns that "Sissy Bars" with sharply pointed ends or incorporating sharp emblems such as stars or iron crosses can inflict serious injury to operators, passengers, or pedestrians in crashes.

Pablo today equals growth

Marge Anderson, reporting for the **Missoulian** writes about the business boom in the Pablo area after the completion of a new strip of highway between Pablo and Ronan. On the east side of the strip, Bill Kerr has constructed a new Truck Sales and Sports Center. Pablo Realty is next door. A 22-unit motel-cafe complex is planned by Steven and LaRue Walker. Ed Wadsworth plans to build a greenhouse and Ray Wadsworth, a Ronan teacher, plans a retirement villa. Edie Campbell owns and operates the Whispering Pines Leisure Homes and plans to develop 25 acres more for home sites.—Courtesy Montana Citizen, March '71.

Gruel

O'Donnell

Anderson

Ratchford

reassignments spell out many state highway plant

neer, was promoted to senior assistant maintenance engineer, under Thomas Ratchford, who will retire this fall. Eugene Larson, an area engineer in preconstruction division, was named hydraulics engineer, replacing Gruel.

Melvin C. Rygg, office engineer, retired after serving the department more than 36 years. James V. O'Donnell, former director of public hearings, will be in charge of the office engineer section as Acting Director of Contract Plans. Donald D. Anderson has been named acting Director of Public Hearings.

Also retiring was G. B. "Gyp" Woodahl, field design engineer in preconstruction, who worked for the department more than 35 years.

Rygg

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Butte

—Judy Combo—

We would like to welcome LeRoy Peterson to our Butte maintenance crew. LeRoy will be working in and around the Butte area under the supervision of Mickey Doherty.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Deighton were blessed with a brand new baby boy in March. This is their first child and they are very happy with him. Congratulations, new parents. Jim works in the Butte lab.

Recovering from a recent foot operation, "Hobble foot" Jim Blankenship seems to be doing real well. The crutches have been tossed aside and we hope Jim will soon be fully recovered.

And we would like to say this little farewell to Jim Ballard who recently transferred to the Great Falls division. "Happy Jack" as he was known and called by all of us here—we will miss your smiling face.

Wolf Point

—Ollie Hauge—

Leroy Stein of the Opheim country, has been employed as maintenanceman I to work with Robert Maas at Opheim. Obert Dalby and Terry Bowman have been employed temporarily in the Glasgow area. Jerry Neumiller and Mitchell Dereschuk have been temporarily employed in the Wolf Point area. We welcome all the newcomers to the fold.

Richard Miller, maintenanceman II from the Glasgow section, is recuperating from a back operation and is still off work. We hear that Dick is nearing the end of the period "stiff as a board" and will welcome being able to move around again. He will be unable to return to work for some time yet.

Harold (Mike) Kelly and crew, Larry Sain, Richard Wiebe, Dan Ferestad, and Richard Seiler, have been transferred to the Havre division for the summer months. Dave Hayes from "Dewey's" crew was also transferred to Havre with Mike's crew. Dave has finally found a house to rent in Harlem and will be moving his family after school is out.

"Sonny" Broesder resigned to return to school and Larry Greufe replaced him to help Norris Forum on the bridges. David Brownlee is also working with Larry and Norris.

Gary Flaten has received his promotion to maintenanceman II and Aron King received his promotion to instrumentman.

Duane (Dewey) Novakovich has two new men on his crew: Richard

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Kirn and Richard Berube. George Nelson increased his crew by two also—a former employee, Robert Webb, and Gilbert Kinkade. Harvey Hamill, a former employee, will be employed in the Wolf Point lab for the summer. Nice to have them all with us.

Gunwald Brenden, office manager, returned May 13 from spending a couple of days in Bozeman renewing acquaintances and visiting his son and daughter-in-law.

Helena—Hdq.

—Bev Gibson—

Jack Beckert's daughter Julie Trotchie of Great Falls was featured on the front page of the **Great Falls Tribune** following the birth of twin sons May 6th. Julie and husband Joseph also have three daughters. Two other sets of twins were born at the same time, thus the **Trib** photo.

Rosalie Woodruff of accounting has bought a beautiful new trailer house and is settled in the valley.

Leon Schneider of traffic is a member of the Rainier Beer bowling team. The team won the city tournament, and was second in the men's open in state tournament play.

Jo Ann Larsen, construction, is earning laurels in women's slow pitch softball. Her team, Pepsi Cola, is benefitting from Jo's home runs and winning pitching arm.

Rod Kirschman of traffic section is planning a June wedding.

A belated pickup from the sports section of the **Great Falls Tribune**: Mayo Ashley, sports editor, commented favorably on the Helena cheerleaders, one of whom is Leanne Erickson, daughter of Paul Erickson, designer in west region. Ashley noted, "for pure looks, vivaciousness and enthusiasm it would be hard to top the Helena cheerleaders."

Alex Zbitnoff, project control, entered his lab, Chorney, in an informal trial sponsored by the Butte Retriever Club May 2nd. Chorney was first place derby winner.

Jack Walsh, maintenance, placed first in the highway league at the state bowling tournament.

Pete (Doc) Nick and Stan Reilly of the Helena shop are shown as they apply silver paint to a new gas tank. The tank will serve the Highway Patrol cars. Formerly the patrol bought gas from a local station, but it is being torn down. Since the highway department vehicles use regular gas, a separate tank was necessary for the high octane used by the patrol.

Top Banana?

Center Line staffers came to work one morning to find on one of the desks (note how carefully we avoid saying whose desk) a nice ripe banana carefully enrobed with a blue ribbon.

Printed in black capital letters was the inscription "Outstanding Editor Award 1970."

While no one in the office admits having formally received the unique award, its likeness has been preserved through the above photograph; for a while we contemplated its use as a traveling trophy, however the subject award met an untoward fate at the hands of one of the staffers, who suffers from an unbridled appetite.

Gross Vehicle Weight division threw a congratulatory party for their candidate, Kay Higgins, who was named Miss Montana Highways May 5th.

Clint Fulkerson and the rest of the safety crew are well on their way toward another move, this time from the shop to the GVW location. The new statewide motor pool will take up some office space at the shop as they get all capitol-based vehicles under their jurisdiction July 1st.

Palma Gibbs, accounting, is boasting about a new grandchild. Her daughter Shelly and son-in-law Tom Bogy had a baby girl on May 14th in Helena.

Gail Haniuk, daughter of John Haniuk, right-of-way, is the female lead in Montana State University's touring play, "A Flea In Her Ear."

A black-and-white pooch which follows one of the employees to work every day guards the back door of headquarters building. He admits everyone except the mailman, who has to be rescued by Ellen Dennis of mail and file. Ellen holds the dog while the mail goes through.

Ed Deegan, who has been with Core Drill for the past six years, is recuperating at his home in McLeod. Ed underwent eye surgery at Billings on April 30.

Cake and coffee was served in right-of-way section on the occasion of Andy Bach's retirement, May 11th. Andy worked for the department for 10 years, and was well known for organizing the coffee cart brigade.

A retirement dinner was held for G. B. "Gyp" Woodahl May 6th. Ross Henry, special assignments engineer, was master of ceremonies. Grover Powers, preconstruction engineer was a speaker, as was Lewis M. Chittim, state highway engineer, who presented Gyp with a gift check. Among notables present were James Sullivan, Great Falls district engineer, William Blake, Wolf Point division

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maintenanee supervisor, Robert O'Leary, former ehief accountant now retired, and Attorney General Robert Woodahl, Gyp's nephew. Gyp worked for the department 35 years.

Kenneth Skoog, area engineer in west region, and his wife have a new baby girl, born May 19.

Several highway department employees were instrumental in organizing a new arehery elub, devoted mainly to bow hunters rather than to field eompetition. The "Last Chanee Arehery Club" has a new range north of Helena whieh is being developed by members. Anyone interested in joining the elub and perfeeting his skills for next bow hunting season is asked to eontaet Don Cromer, right-of-way; Bob Samson, eonsultant design; Bob Larimer or John Keller, right-of-way; Darwin Barnes, Dave Foster, or Jim Sawyer, data processing. Cromer and Samson were active in putting the eity-wide elub together.

Lewistown

—Bea Knerr—

Larry Barriek joins the maintenanee erew in Lewistown division. Weleome to our "gang", Larry. He and his wife Shirley have two sons, three year old Mike and one year old Kevin. Larry and Shirley are amongst the skiers of this area.

Janiee Adolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Adolph, was married to Arehie Darrough of Texas. The young eouple will make their home in Texas. Bernie is maintenanee supervisor at Roundup.

Bud Johnson, resident engineer, and erew have been temporarily transferred to the Billings division. Their gain in Billings is our loss.

Bowlers and non-bowlers alike wish to take this means of thanking each and every one for partieipating in our tournament. Sorry we eouldn't all win, but hope everyone had fun fun fun. Results have been sent out and trophies will follow one way or another as soon as the engraving is eomplete. Next year's tournament will be hosted by the Billings division and we are already looking forward to it. At the meeting held in Lewistown, these four people were nominated and eleeted to act as the exeeutive board for the State Bowling Tournament on a two-year basis: Babe Mickus, Miles City; Dale Moore, Great Falls; Earl Brown, Billings; and Bea Knerr, Lewistown. One more member will be seleeted from the hostess eity at the time of the tournament, making a total of five people to help set rules and help with various emergeneies that may arise, or in other words, to work with the hostess eity in any way.

PROPER TIRE STORAGE URGED

Our maintenanee people who know about such things suggested that when snow tires are stored for the summer period, they should be kept in a dry, eool, dark plaee, on their sides and on a flat surfaee. If stored tires are mounted on wheels, it is suggested that air pressure be reduced to 12 to 16 pounds.

Guest editorial

ESCAPE TO MONTANA

By Josephine Brooker
Assistant Director, Advertising Department
Montana State Highway Commission

It's going to be a big travel year in Montana . . . if preliminary inquiries in the State Advertising Department are any indieation. This is the biggest year we have experieneed . . . requests for information are running up to 76 pereent ahead of one year ago. Would you believe? . . . since January 1 of this year we have reeeived and proeessed 162,089 requests for Montana travel information. These requests eome as a result of the national advertising and publieity plaeed in leading magazines and newspapers throughout the eountry . . . but also as a result of the inereased interest in Montana in general.

Our largest single mail-eount day so far this year was April 21, 1971. We reeeived and proeeeded to proeess 7,610 single pieces of mail. The largest week so far was April 19-23 . . . 18,407 pieees of mail. That represents a lot of opening, sorting, typing of address labels, zip-coding and mailing. All mail room activities are handled by John Bahnsen and Joe DeBar, with help from seasonal employees Susan Curtis and Turf Finnegan.

We notiee a tendeney for people to want to 'escape' . . . eseape from their everyday surroundings . . . eseape from the smog, fog and misery of urban eenters . . . escape from the routine eonfines of a work-a-day world. That's why the Montana advertising for this year emphasizes . . . ESCAPE to MONTANA . . . "eseape from the ordinary to this uncrowded, unspoiled, unmatehed land . . . one continuous sightseeing adventure between Yellowstone and Glaeier National Parks." Every inquiry to our department is answered with our brand new 38-page eolor book whieh lists all the state, federal and eommunity eampgrounds, all museums and vaeation points of interest and fishing aceess areas. New this year is the faet that the offieial Montana Highway Map is reprinted in the book in 5 seetions . . . enlarged to make loeating vaeation points of interest even easier. Pinpointed on these reereation map seetions are state and national parks, monuments, reereation areas, winter sports areas, boat ramps, early mining eamps and ghost towns, museums, fishing aeeess areas, roekhound areas, golf eourses and eampgrounds. The Lewis and Clark Trail and Old West Trail are also traeed and marked.

Travel is Montana's third largest industry . . . an industry which benefits every segment of our eeonomy.

"The eodfish lays 10,000 eggs
The homely hen lays one.
The eodfish never eackles to tell
you what she's done.
So the eodfish we scorn while the
humble hen we prize . . .
Whieh only goes to show you . . .
It pays to advertise."

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Miles City

Jean Sweeney

Seven Montana State University students, speech team members, placed ninth out of 168 schools from throughout the nation at a recent tournament hosted by Pi Kappa Delta, honorary speech fraternity, held during spring break at the University of Houston. The MSU squad earned a superior sweepstakes rating, with each member in the top 50 percent of his event. Included on the 7-member squad was Robert Kaze, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kaze. Ralph is working shop foreman in the Miles City shop.

Harold and Marilyn Tait are parents of their first child, born April 23 in Miles City. The baby boy has been named Shannon Jay. Harold is an engineering aide II, headquartered at Broadus with Claude Taylor's crew.

Marcus and Marsha Zavala are parents of a son born April 19 in a Forsyth hospital. Marcus is an engineering aide II in the Miles City division with headquarters at Forsyth with Bob Swanson's crew.

A daughter, Kendra Adair, was born to Kenneth and Sally Neumiller on April 8 in Miles City. Kenneth is an engineering aide II in the Miles City division with Del Borer's crew.

Ron Kiosse, engineering aide II with Del Borer's crew, resigned recently to go active in the National Guard for 4½ months. Ron's wife, Cindy, will remain in Miles City during his duty with the National Guard.

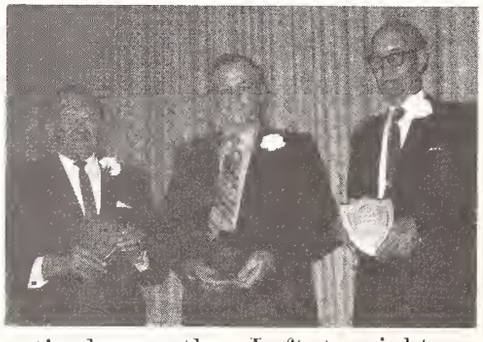
In the longevity department: David Goodson, stockman, 5 years; Jerry R. Branum, bridge inspector, 10 years; Arthur D. Anderson, division office engineer 1, 10 years; Donald L. Stewart, instrumentman, 10 years; Walter D. Dane, resident engineer II, 15 years; Edward C. Kent, Jr., sectionman at Ingomar, 15 years; David L. Cook, rodman, 15 years; Oliver E. Henley, instrumentman, 20 years; Robert I. Morgan, sectionman at Boyes, 25 years; Herbert R. Waldow, sectionman at Miles City, 25 years.

The sixth annual Montana Junior Bowling Tournament opens in Miles City on May 8, 1971. Ed Dorothy, instrumentman, is president of the tournament already entered are teams from Kalispell, Missoula, Dillon, Columbia Falls, Helena, Livingston, Big Sandy, Boulder, Browning, Great Falls, Glasgow, Havre, Scobey, Billings, Roundup, Circle, Wolf Point, Broadus, Glendive, Shelby, Butte and of course the host city. Bowlers range in ages from 10 to 18 and are categorized as Bantams, Juniors and Seniors and eligibility rules include two weeks of league play for Bantams and three weeks for Juniors and Seniors. Bowlers who are graduating seniors will be competing for all-expenses paid trips to Washington, D. C. along with a chance for a $1,000 scholarship. Montana is permitted two senior boys and one senior girl in this competition with the playoff scheduled locally for May 15th at high noon. Approximately 20 teams from Miles City will participate in the tournament.

Havre

Edna Hess

A total of 85 years of service with the Montana State Highway Department was represented at a retirement dinner and dance held at the Havre Eagles Hall, Saturday, March 13th for three department employees who



retired recently. Left to right are Karl Lindgren, Tom Bulman and E. N. "Si" Sorensen. Nearly 80 co-workers from St. Mary, Browning, Shelby, Chester, Big Sandy, Sunburst, Harlem, Great Falls and Havre attended the affair. Karl Lindgren was a former maintenance supervisor for the section of highway from the Agency Headquarters to Hays; Mr. Bulman was maintenance foreman for all sections from Hingham east and Havre south to the end of the sections. Mr. Sorensen was a maintenance man II in the Havre area and in the past few years was grounds keeper for the attractive yard in front of the highway building in Havre and the rest area west of Havre. Their future plans are indefinite.

We have had quite a few transfers within the Havre Division recently and among those are Carl J. Foggin, engineer-in-training transferred from hydraulics in Helena to Harvey Embody's crew at Conrad. A crew from Wolf Point headed by resident engineer II Harold Kelly, was transferred into Harlem to work on the Harlem-Turner project. Others transferred with Harold were David Hayes, Daniel Ferestad, Richard Wiebe and Larry Sain, all rodmen, and engineering aide II, Richard Seiler. Jacob Liebelt, former rodman in the Lewistown division, was transferred into Havre and promoted to office engineer I. He will be assisting Dean Nelson, office engineer III. Anton Peterson, who has served as maintenance supervisor I in the Shelby area and was promoted to maintenance foreman and transferred to Havre. He has taken over the position formerly held by Tom Bulman who retired recently.

Recent promotions in the division were: Victor Holsapple to instrumentman; David J. Wollan, Harold M. Harris and Robert L. Bleecker to rodmen; Perry D. Neiss to maintenanceman II; Patricia J. Yetter to clerk 2; Virginia S. Pasma to clerk I; and John C. Parton, George S. Ortez, Fred W. Harris, Gerald J. Hess, Daniel J. Kimmet, Curtis D. Martinson, Joseph F. McConnell and Donald H. DuBray to engineering aide II.

A 20-year pin and a certificate of appreciation was received recently by Fred A. Frederick, stockman II.

Word was received of the death of former employee, Lawrence Foucher, in Hamilton. At the time of his retirement, Mr. Foucher was custodian and prior to that time was sectionman at Chester.

We are sorry to know that Reuben Getts, maintenanceman II in the Dupuyer area suffered a severe heart attack on April 3rd and is hospitalized in Choteau.

Recent promotions also are Jerry Bergren and David Hayes to instrumentmen and Fred DesRosier from

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maintenanceman I to maintenanceman II.

Martin Lux was hired to work in the Shelby section as maintenanceman I and replaces Anton Peterson who was promoted to maintenance foreman and transferred to the Havre area.

Robert Jensen, lab tech II, has been hired as a summer employee to assist in the Havre lab. Robert Hodge, engineering aide I, also a temporary employee is assisting in the Havre office and Judy Beatty, clerk typist II, is a transfer from the highway patrol office in Helena.

Mearlin L. Thomas, maintenanceman I, is helping maintenance supervisor Fred Paul in the Dupuyer section until Reuben Getts is able to return to work.

Recipients of pins in the Havre division during April were: James A. Dolan, resident engineer in the Shelby area, 20 years; Robert C. Bremner, maintenance supervisor I in the Browning area, 25 years; and Richard E. Winter, shop foreman, 25 years.

Glendive

Carole L. Ritz

Well, Glendive made it to the Lewistown bowling tournament, or should I say some of us just made it to Lewistown? Anyway, it was worth the trip up there. We met many new friends and were reacquainted with the old. One of our guys we tried to give to Miles City, but guess they had enough problems with their own, but anyway we weren't putting the blame on Glendive. However, we do want to congratulate Floyd Schram and Bill Bohle, who took first in the doubles and singles. The way it was working on some people, I didn't think there would be much bowling, but we didn't come home empty-handed. So thanks, Lewistown, for a great time!

Arnie Mohl, Kalispell, and former Glendive employee, visited with us briefly. One of his projects while here was to pick up another case of seeds for Jim Hein of Great Falls.

Robert Eggebrecht, clerk 5 (former) was promoted to senior clerk, which was well earned as he took over for Tony Scherting while he

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TENTH ANNUAL HIGHWAY BOWLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MEN'S DIVISION

MEN'S TEAM EVENT (41)
1. North Side Steam Bath (Great Falls) 2949
2. Billings Stags (Billings) 2948
3. Travelers No. 1 (Helena) 2929

MEN'S DOUBLES (95)
1. F. Schram—B. Bohle (Glendive) 1253
2. C. Park—L. Myers (Lewistown) 1240
3. P. LaSalle—Dan Bartsch (Helena) 1236

MEN'S SINGLES (190)
1. D. Walstrom (Bozeman) 694
2. D. Strohmayer (Miles City) 680
3. Foy Sturdevant (Billings) 669

MEN'S ALL-EVENTS (178)
1. G. LaFournaise (Helena) 1884
2. Foy Sturdevant (Billings) 1870
3. Jerry Branum (Miles City) 1866

MEN'S SPECIAL AWARDS (Team Event only)

MEN'S HIGH SCRATCH GAME
Sonny Farry (Great Falls) 224

MEN'S HIGH SCRATCH SERIES
Don Gruel (Helena) 603

MEN'S HIGH GAME WITH HANDICAP
A. E. Harcharik (Lewistown) 251

MEN'S HIGH SERIES WITH HANDICAP
Pete Kulbeck (Helena) 667

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WOMEN'S DIVISION

WOMEN'S TEAM EVENT (17)
1. Bozeman Gals (Bozeman) 2913
2. The Mixers (Helena) 2850
3. Swan's Curves (Lewistown) 2818

WOMEN'S DOUBLES EVENT (40)
1. Joan Morello—Eleanor Regnor (Helena) 1287
2. Pat Miner—Leona Spring (Lewistown) 1237
3. Marge Garden—D. Robinson (Helena) 1232

WOMEN'S SINGLES EVENT
1. J. Micklewright (Bozeman) 690
2. Hazel Dolan (Shelby) 683
3. Buttons LaSalle (Helena) 655

WOMEN'S ALL-EVENTS (77)
1. Hazel Dolan (Shelby) 1898
2. Frances Bruner (Bozeman) 1823
3. Pat Miner (Lewistown) 1822

WOMEN'S SPECIAL AWARDS (Team Event only)

WOMEN'S HIGH SCRATCH GAME
Betty Wheeler (Helena) 213

WOMEN'S HIGH SCRATCH SERIES
Phyllis Blow (Miles City) 540

WOMEN'S HIGH GAME WITH HANDICAP
Pat Swan (Lewistown) 254

WOMEN'S HIGH SERIES WITH HANDICAP
Frances Bruner (Bozeman) 658

Congratulations to all of you lucky people—we'll see you in Billings next year.

WINNERS OF THE CASH DRAWINGS:

Olger Mikkelson (Windham, Montana) $300.00
Dea Spain (Great Falls, Montana) 200.00
H. E. Ferrell (Lewistown, Montana) 100.00

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was on the sick list for three months.

Don Botnen, instrumentman, and Pat Kelly, resident engineer, are proud fathers. Their sons were selected to Boy's State.

Clifford Tennant is back from the Army and has started back to work for us. Nice to have you back, Cliff.

Vern Ollerman is the new combination man to take Clyde Mitchell's place, who has moved to maintenanceman to replace Jim Skillstad. Jim quit to go farming.

New employees: Lynn Bice, Ronald Nadwornick, Dan Amunrud, Chad Dunnam, and David P. Maciroroski. Welcome to the gang, guys!

Births: One boy apiece to Mr. and Mrs. Elton Engle, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lang. Sure knocking down the girl population around the Glendive division lately.

Kalispell

—Bob Finley—

The rising rivers, plus the annoyance of changing all the timepieces again, added to the shedding of the insulated doublets by field personnel, are evidences of spring, the season of new life. In keeping with this spirit, the Ken Chrisinger's are diapering their first . . . a charmer named Brandie Lee. Allen Michels and wife Karon have adopted a new baby boy. Nick Hanson and wife are crooning to a new baby boy, and the office is filled with the pungent aromas of burning cigars in tribute to those occasions. Also heard that our sectionman at Elmo, Lester Maas, is taking a short sabbatical to see his new grandson in Bozeman. Seems only a short time ago that Les was on the critical list but it is over a year now . . . sure glad that he recouped and is enjoying his grandchildren.

Have had official confirmation from Papa Vic that Gene Baker, who summered with MHC engineers last year, left April 24 to tour Europe with 20 other students and an instructor to study and observe European architecture. Also attending will be eight spouses so their architectural studies will be different than those of writer during his sojourn in land of the Eiffel tower.

A check of the local hospitals shows that both Al Land and his wife were there for surgery and both recovering well. Willard Stockwell's wife underwent the ordeal of surgery and the prognosis is quite favorable.

Floyd Pauli, our own "Lone Eagle" and his wife Lola flew to California for a week to see the family. This is getting to be a habit with the Pauli's. Also suspect that Loren Dollan will be heading into the back country now that his pickup sports a shiny new camper.

Bob Finley hit the boards again with the Community Theatre, this being his fifth production with this group in two years. This year they toured Kimberley, B. C. along with other places in the northwest. At the same time he was directing the Boy Scout Pageant held here April 24th. This was also the time chosen to honor one of the scouts who was with Bob when they pulled two persons out of the river. As Dana Draut, our local highway patrolman said at the time, "Bob is an involved citizen."

A word of praise and appreciation is due the Lewistown bowling tournament committee of Vern Borden, Bea Knerr and the many others who obviously spent many hours of hard work which resulted in a well-organized tournament enjoyed by all. Certainly wasn't their fault that more prize money didn't travel west of the mountains. Also, one cannot help but admire the resourcefulness of the Lewistown Inn owner who hit upon the novel plan of staging a bomb scare to break up a late hour party.

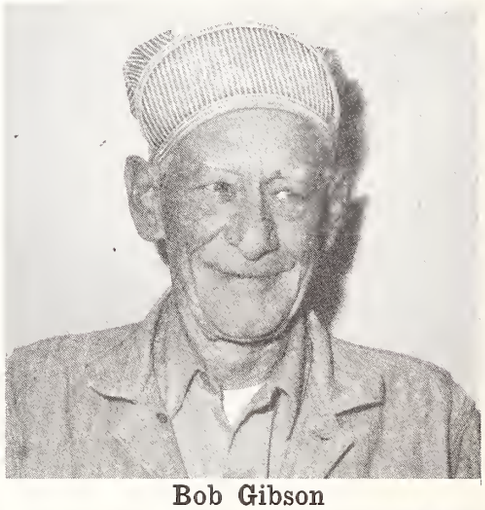
There have been a few changes in the maintenance area with Van Greenwell going to Polson and Ken Blush to Nyack. The shop will be short a couple of old-timers with the retirement of Albert "Hap" Croskrey on May 3 and Bob Gibson on May 10.

Hap is living testimony that not all tornadoes are named after women. He has never backed up from a buzz saw or a spring loaded door.

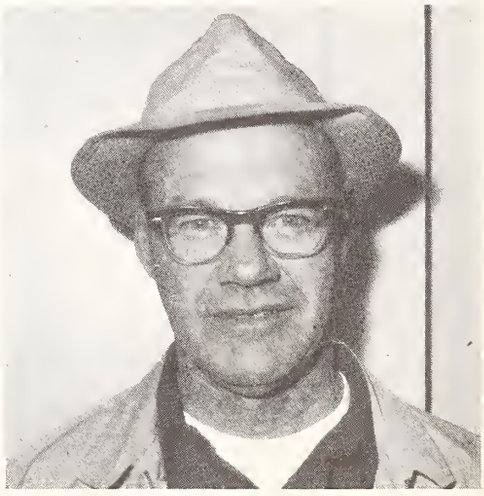
Bob "Gibby" Gibson fits into the picture directly opposite Hap. Gibby is so quiet the only way you know he is around is the ticking of his wrist watch.

Mel Mumbower will fill the vacancy of shop foreman. We have confidence that our shop will be tops. Good luck, Mel.

Hap Croskery



Bob Gibson



Mel Mumbrower

Billings

—James Young—

High school, grade and junior high students joined with Boy Scouts and 4-H members from Hysham, Custer and Lodge Grass, and picked up tons

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of litter from our state highways. Maintenance supervisor William Woolston said his maintenance foremen William Mankin and Walt Russell have reported that over 75 cubic yards of junk have been picked up by the youngsters. Packer trueks made several trips to haul away the trash. Division Engineer C. W. Klimper congratulated the young people and said "Without their help the litter pickup would take forever. People in our state should take more pride in the state and the annual litter pickup program would never need to take place." Who was it that said "Cans don't litter—people litter"?

Instructor Kenneth Hartman reports that the following have completed the Advaneed Engineering course: James Arnold, James Buska, Robert Ewing, Doug Marshall and Donald Taylor.

Robert Grants, instruetor for the Basic Engineering eourse, said four of his students have completed the courses: Lloyd Schmidt, E. E. Bailey, Harry McAllister and Ray Jaekson.

Instructor Edgar St. John reported more than ninety state employees took the First Aid course. Classes were held in Billings, Red Lodge and Hardin.

Paul Johnson, former state highway engineer, and his wife have returned from a three-month vacation in the Far East. The Johnsons left January 3rd and returned March 30th. The trip took them to Japan, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, and home via Hawaii. Paul eommented that it was a wonderful trip and the people were very nice every plaee they went.

With the employees: Ted Weiss will coaeh baseball again this year. Ted has the Rimrock Park Kids this year and said the team really looks good.

Bill St. John, son of Edgar St. John, has qualified for an expense paid trip to Portland to attend a Dental Institute. Bill expeets to fly there about the second week in July.

Mary Glynn George, with the Angel Flight at the University in Missoula, won first place in the Idaho Regional. Eleven colleges were represented. Mary will now go to Miami, Florida to attend the National.

Duck Bill Fishermen do well. Ken Bowersox and George Hein met with other highway employees at the Fred Robinson Bridge to enjoy a little paddle fishing. Ken snagged the largest, a fish weighing 90 pounds or more. Jim Hein didn't enjoy his fishing so I'm told—his reel broke on a large fish and eut his hand. He did, however, land the fish.

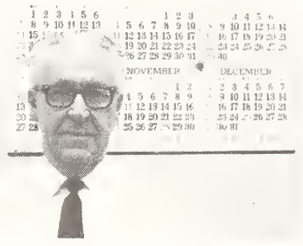
Ever wonder what the planets look like? Dan White's sons did—and have done something about it. Joe, Dan's youngest son, mowed lawns and pushed snow to earn enough to buy a large teleseope. Not one, but two telescopes are now in the White's baek yard. The planet Saturn with its rings is really a sight to see. I went over early one evening and watched. Pat, the oldest of Dan's boys, is a photographer and has several real niee pietures of the moon.

Promotions: Advancing to engineering aide II are: Mike Bernadsky, Orval E. Boyer, Thomas L. Costello, Dewey D. Manard, Harry McAllister, Albert Otis, Gary Thomas and Thomas R. Willes.

Advanced to rodman are: James S. Buska, Oscar J. Charbonneau, Kent Fellingham, Doug G. Marshall and Stanley M. Sundheim.

Promoted to detailer I, Jerry Fagan. Promoted to bridge inspeetor, Emanuel Strecker. Promoted to resident engineer I, Donald R. Taylor. Don is working on the Billings south bridge over the Yellowstone River.

Welcome to new employees Bill Contreraz and Lyle Woelieh. Both are draftsmen I, and are in the Billings design office.



Walter C. Ward, division designer, retires after 31 years of service. Walter was employed by the Bureau of Reclamation at Malta from 1930 to 1937. He worked as a rodman at Havre at the Fresno Dam until 1940. That same year he entered employment with the State Highway Commission and worked until he entered the U.S. Army on March 25, 1942. While in service, he attended the Army Engineers school at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and served as an instructor. Later he was assigned to the 661st Topographie Engineers as chief of survey party and pressman while printing maps for that group in the European Theatre. He served in Africa, Franee, Germany and Austria during World War II, and was discharged from serviee Oetober 20, 1945.

Walt resumed his career with the State Highway Commission in November, 1945 as a rodman. In 1947 he was promoted to instrumentman; project engineer in 1949; office engineer in 1956; and division designer in 1965.

Walter is a member of the Central Christian Church, American Legion, and the Soeiety for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. We all wish Walt lots of good luck.

A tourist was introduced at Albuquerque to an Indian with a reputedly perfect memory. Skeptical, the tourist asked: "What did you have for breakfast on October 4, 1913?" The Indian answered, "Eggs." The man scoffed. "Everyone eats eggs for breakfast. He's a fraud."

Eight years later the traveler's train stopped again at Albuquerque and he saw the same Indian lounging on the platform. The tourist went up to him and said jovially, "How!"

The Indian answered, "Scrambled."

Great Falls

Ciel Tinelli

All systems are go here in Great Falls as our division office received a new coat of interior paint and looks clean and cheery. To add to its brightness, we have two new young employees, both single; Nancy Richardson, construction stenographer, whose hobbies consist of skiing, boating and motorcycling; and Daniel O'Rourke, engineering aide I, talented artist. The field offices of George Davis and Dale Moore, construction engineers, have moved their headquarters to the Great Falls Brewery Building. They have nice quiet office accommodations; but sorry, no taps.

The Jim Sullivans are planting their own grass roots as the foundation goes up for their new home in the Riverview area. It shouldn't be too long as the best sidewalk superintendent is Ruth herself.

Dick Berg, Cascade County chief instructor and John Walker, assistant chief instructor for the Highway Fish and Game Hunters Safety Program, have just completed their spring training class. With their able instructors, Clarence Christianson, Arlen Hughes, Jim Blossom, Rodney Phillips and Dale Clark, they turned out a record breaking class of 407 children certified.

On our casualty list: Dick Gustovich was sporting a brand new pair of cowboy boots one day and the next day a broken "Pinkie" finger. Now we don't know if he fell on the boots or the boots fell on him and Dick's not telling.

Pete Hilt, our retired maintenance foreman dropped in to give us the lowdown on his winter living in Arizona and New Mexico. He looks fine, tanned and relaxed. Toughy Sherman, Ben Briscoe and Charley Heber drop in to see us once in a while, too.

We're sure proud of our boys for winning first place in the men's team event at the Lewistown bowling tournament, and we had others that didn't do so bad, either.

We are sorry to see Rex Chamberlain, division office engineer I, leave us. Rex will be working at the Charles Russell Gallery as assistant to the director. He recently built his own little hacienda on a hilltop overlooking Great Falls and that gave us an excuse to give him a combined farewell and housewarming party right after work one day.

Missoula

Clara Neely

The basic engineering course tutored by Gilbert Dopp, office engineer III, was successfully completed by Mark H. Anderson, David Bowen, Richard Haines, Henry Hubert, Steven Miller, Jerry Nichols, Hal Powell, and LeRoy Wolff.

A 3-day proctor compaction and nuclear d/m school was held in the Missoula lab under the direction of Russ Yarnall. Those in attendance were: William Brazill, Richard Haines, Larry Hunt, Robert Lund, Douglas Lutke, Steven Miller, Barry Scalise, David Theriault, Frank Welliver, and Ed Worden. Further instructions will follow in the field.

Certificates of appreciation and pins have been awarded to Robert Meyer for 20 years of service; John D. Mitchell, 20 years; and Jack C. Silvey, 15 years.

Sue Holloron, Miss Montana Highways of 1970, has returned from Portland and is employed by the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co. in Missoula.

Sympathy is extended to Maxine Weggenman in the recent loss of her father and to Alice Hesser in the loss of her mother.

H. C. "Gus" Wilcox passed away in Missoula on April 26, following a short illness. He was employed on March 14, 1940 and retired on December 31, 1968. Funeral services were held in Missoula on April 29, 1971. The many friends of "Gus" shall truly mourn his passing.

Recent promotions to instrumentman include Donald Bowen, Lloyd Jackson, Pete Odegard, and Sam Rouillier.

The observance of National Secretary Week was memorable in the Missoula division. On Wednesday of that week, we each received a beautiful rose in the most charming bud vase. On Friday, we were taken to Mario's for lunch, which actually turned out to be a banquet.

Max Anderson, who retired October 16, 1963 after having served many years as a bridge engineer, suffered a severe heart attack one month ago and has been in the Missoula General Hospital since that time. Latest reports are that he is now well on the road to recovery.

A golfer is a guy who yells "fore," takes six and writes down five.

Bozeman

Barbara McGuire

The Bozeman division made a real good showing at the bowling tournament in Lewistown with lots of winners including the Men's Singles, Women's Singles, and Women's Team Events. Everyone had a very good time, too.

The Bud Bakers' of Ennis became grandparents for the first time on May 3rd with the birth of Christopher Joseph McMahon. Congratulations to the Bakers.

New employees in the Bozeman division are: Jan Camp, Jack Fuller, Michael Wright, Allen Lang, Walter Thompson, Gerald O'Reilly, Bill Michalson, Mike Stevenson and George Conrad. Welcome to the fold.

The interchange lighting project in the Livingston area has been completed and all the lights are in operation. Martin Kolence was in charge of this job.

Barbara McGuire's birthday was celebrated in the division office on May 12 with cake and ice cream being served.

The contractor began operations on East Main street in Bozeman this week and the hot plant and gravel trucks are really busy. If you drive out east of town keep a watchful eye because there are men working all over doing everything imaginable on a construction project.

March 26th was not Abe Fuller's day. He was plowing along US 191 with the rotary when a young couple ran underneath the back of the truck causing lots of damage to both car and truck not to mention injuries to the young couple. Luckily, a doctor came along and administered first aid . . . and they are recovering nicely. Abe said he was sure glad the doctor came along because when he stepped out of the truck he forgot all his first aid training.

Raymond W. Esp, better known to us as "Bill", has resigned to go into other employment and we wish him lots of luck in his new endeavor.

Doris Johnson resigned to go home and get ready for the coming blessed event which should be very soon.

We just figured out why people can't work together: everyone wants to be in the **front** of the bus—the **back** of the church—and the **middle** of the road.